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## 1. Fürstenwalde (V43)

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a. [REDACTED] the following rail shipments were made during July 1948 from Fürstenwalde to Stendal:

21 July - Three trains, each of 55-60 freight cars, hauling a total of 80-90 guns: 107 mm with muzzle brake; 76.2 mm, type 41, with full rubber tires; 57 mm AT gun, long barrel, full rubber tires. Another train, loaded with ammunition cases, was observed on a nearby ramp.

27 July - Four trains were made up. Of these, one hauled twenty-five 122 mm guns, another hauled forty 85 mm AA guns; contents of the other two trains were unknown.

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b. Gartenstrasse barracks are still occupied by artillery troops with 76.2 mm guns and vehicles [REDACTED] Former cavalry barracks are occupied by part of an artillery regiment; among these troops, some wear armored insignia.

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c. Fürstenwalde airfield is used only as an auxiliary field. Approximately three AA companies occupy the airfield barracks. Troops wear black tabs with red piping. [REDACTED]

## 2. Rathenow (Z15)

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a. Arrival of a high Soviet staff at Rathenow's motor barracks in early August 1948 stirred up rumors that Marshals Sokolovsky and/or Rokossovsky were in residence. No confirmation could be obtained. It is alleged that, whoever the chief of this newly arrived staff may be, he formerly maintained headquarters at Schloss Landin (Z26).

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c. Rathenow's infantry and engineer barracks are sparsely occupied. Other troops are tenting between Rathenow, Sennin (Z16), Schollene (Z06), and Göttingen (Z05). Some P0-2 aircraft have been seen in the area.

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